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For: LENTIVIRAL TRIPLEX DNA, AND VECTORS AND RECOMBINANT CELLS
CONTAINING LENTIVIRAL TRIPLEX DNA

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO-1449. A concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents WO 99/55892 is provided as the Abstract of that reference.

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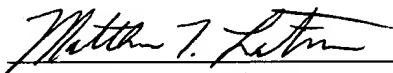
constitute "prior art". If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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